



Kansas African American Affairs Commission

March General Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Landon State Office Building – Room 102D

Thursday, March 11, 2010

10:00 a.m.

- I. **Called to Order and Welcome** by Curtis Whitten, Chair at 10:17 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Guest(s):** Commissioners C. Whitten, H. Johnson, D. Dandridge, J. Barfield, J. Williams – Present. Commissioner L. Chinn – Absent. Visitor(s): L. Grays, Business Development Committee Member. Staff Present, M. Edwards and K. Seymour. Quorum established.
- III. **Correspondence:** Folder disseminated: no items needed attention
- IV. **Minutes:** Reading of the January and February General Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Johnson motioned that the January 14, 2010 and February 11, 2010 General Meeting Minutes be accepted as printed; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Administrative Intern will assume the role of taking minutes in the future, at the request of the Commission.

- V. **ED's Update:** Mildred Edwards reported the following:
 - a. **General Fund** expenditures currently at 57.54%. The following balances were reported: Salaries and Wages - \$ 77,800.10 (\$ 63,778.90), Total Contractual Services - \$ 20,681.47 (\$ 6,339.53), Total Commodities - \$ 685.67 (\$ 3,062.33), Total Expenditures - \$ 99,167.24 (\$ 73,180.76).
 - b. **Donation Fund Balance to date.** \$ 1,421.00
 - c. **Cultivation (20), Collaboration (21) and Administrative (39) activities reported.** Twelve (12) upcoming dates were noted. Primary events for the month include the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and TRIO (KS) Programs Day at the Capitol events.
 - d. **Board Governance.** Commissioner notebooks were reviewed. President of the Senate new appointment to the Commission introduced, Dr. Nathaniel Terrell.
 - e. **Strategic Plan Update:** The importance of guiding discussions regarding the disparity and leveraging of resources across silos was discussed.
Strategy 1:
 - Met with all Cabinet Secretaries and KSDE Commissioner DeBacker to discuss KAAAC strategic plan and need for data.
 - Identified data sources in health, workforce development, commerce, social service, and education.
 - Identified the following key indicators to measure:
 - Health – Tobacco and Obesity
 - Education – School Readiness and 2nd Grade Reading
 - Employment – In progress
 - Business Development – In progress
 - Social Services – Foster Care Admissions and Reintegration rates; TANF recipients
Strategy 2:

- KS Legislative Black Caucus legislative efforts compiled and disseminated
- Moving towards developing a formal system to disseminate information with the Interns development of a listserve, Facebook page, twitter account, press releases, PSA's and quarterly newsletter.
- Met with Representative Joann Pottorff to discuss KAAAC strategic plan

Strategy 3:

- Met with the SRS Secretary Don Jordan and Assistant Secretary Candace Shively, and Commerce Secretary Thornton and Rhonda Harris
- Meetings scheduled with Board of Regents President Robinson and Asst. Commissioner Julie Ford.

Strategy 4:

- Met with AARP President Maren Turner about a possible statewide Intergenerational project mirroring the Wichita Elders project; followed up with call to Maaskelah Thomas to determine interest.

Strategy 5:

- Attended the KDHE Center for Health Disparities Meeting and Senate Committee Hearing on SB 499 and Safe Streets Topeka Meeting; Meeting with the KS Small Business Development Center representative 3/4/2010.

VI. Old Business

- Legislative Updates/Priorities.** A discussion regarding SB511 was held. Action: A meeting needs to be rescheduled with the KC representative, Jason Banks from Supplier Diversity ordinance. B. Lane Hemsley responded to the discussion regarding Sec. 5 and Chapter 75 of KS Statutes – stating few to no “African American” and “minority only” companies actually bid, given his experience. It was further recommended that Rep. McCray-Miller Business Development conference (now being planned) be a venue in which Mr. Hemsley and representatives from the Commission to educate the public on ways to improve their bid proposals with the State.
- KAAAC Advisory Boards/Facilitators and Bylaws.** A listing of Special Committee members and contact information was disseminated and Article IX. Section 9.3 Committees of the KAAAC Bylaws provides detailed information regarding the formation of such entities.
- KS150 Sesquicentennial Involvement.** Ideas for KAAAC involvement in KS150 were discussed and it was suggested that a meeting be held to include Donna Pearson and other Arts Special Committee members.

VII. New Business

- Special Programs and Public Policy Updates.** Kaelyn Seymour reported on the following topics:
 - Capitol Visits-Delta Sigma Theta (15th), Alpha Kappa Alpha (22nd) and TRIO (30th)
 - Day to End Racism, april 30, 2010 – Mildred will be a presenter and a cultural sensitivity workshop is being planned for high school Juniors from Topeka HS.
 - Social Media Initiatives were displayed for viewing: 1) **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/KAAAC, 2) **Twitter:** www.twitter.com/KAAAC_gov, 3) **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/TheKAAAC.
 - KAAAC Website and listserv** was also displayed and discussed.
- Special Project and Public Policy Updates.** Mildred Edwards reported for Brittany Stiffler on the following topics:
 - Census 2010 Press Releases tapings will be conducted immediately following the meeting. Brittany has arranged tapings with Tara from Treasurer McKinney's office.

- ii. Capitol Visit Press Releases were mailed to local radio/tv stations.
- iii. Advocacy Guide outline was disseminated and reviewed.

VIII. Announcements

Wednesday, March 24, 2010: Last day to CONSIDER BILLS IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by committees listed above.

Saturday, April 3, 2010: Johnson County Community College: A plain-talk discussion about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Tuesday, April 6, 2010: No bills considered after this date except BILLS VOTED BY GOVERNOR, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND OMNIBUS RECONCILIATIONS SPENDING LIMIT BILL.

Veto session approximately two and one-half weeks after last day of regular session. Sine Die-to be announced.

Thursday, May 6, 2010: 4th Annual State of Kansas cultural Celebration

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 1.58 p.m. by Curtis Whitten, Chair.

Commission members joined Tara in Treasurer McKinney's office for Census 2010 PSA tapings.

**Respectfully submitted,
Midred Edwards, Ph.D.**

Approved April 8, 2010 with the following corrections:

- a. Dr. Terrell should be added to the roll call.*
- b. Dr. Terrell's first name should be spelled "Nathaniel" in Section 5D.*